

**Amendments to the specification:**

On page 10, please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

An ignition device ~~is proposed~~, in particular, a spark plug for Otto engines, which includes an electric connection means (11) and a tubular metal housing (13) with a screw-in thread (18) stamped on it. At least one of the metal components of the spark plug is provided with a paint coating that serves to protect the spark plug from corrosion.

Fig. 1